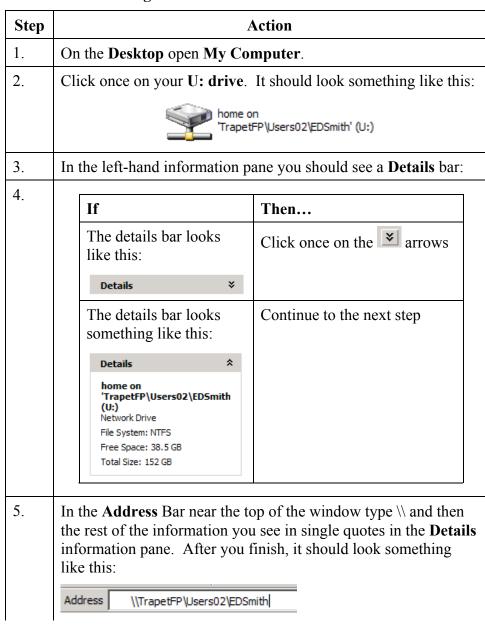
## **Accessing Your Public Folder**

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The public folder is the opposite of the U:\ drive or My Documents. When you put something in your public folder you are inviting other users to look at the information you put there. For example: you may have a digital picture you want to share; rather than e-mailing a 3MB picture to people who may or may not want it, just put it in your public folder and tell people it is there. They can choose to take copy or not. Or perhaps you're working on a project with multiple people, or you have to publish a schedule. In order to share information (files, etc.) with other users, you need to place that information in your Public folder. This job aid will show you how to determine the location of your public folder, and place a shortcut to it on your desktop. Also see the job aid entitled **Determining Your File Server**.



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	<b>Note:</b> This is referred to as your "user share" or "file server". For others to access your public folder you will have to tell them your file server information.
6.	Press the <b>Enter</b> key or click the button
7.	You are now in the folder of your file server. The address in the <b>Address</b> bar can be used to access your file server from a variety of programs.
8.	Right click on the <b>Public</b> folder and select <b>Create Shortcut</b> .
9.	You should see a dialog box like this:  Shortcut  Windows cannot create a shortcut here. Do you want the shortcut to be placed on the desktop instead?  Yes  No
10.	Click Yes.
11.	You can now access your <b>Public</b> folder – it's called <b>Shortcut to Public</b> – from the <b>Desktop</b> . Simply drag the files you want to share into this folder.